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Comedians at the Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane, *in relation to a* BILL *now depending in the Houſe of Commons, intitled,* A Bill for the more effectual Puniſhing of Rogues and Vagabonds, &c.

THE abovemention'd Comedians are apprehenſive that by this BILL all PLAYERS, tho' for many Years *ſettled* and *eſtabliſhed*, are liable to be deem'd Rogues and Vagabonds, without committing any Act to incur ſo hard a Cenſure, and may be puniſhed by Impriſonment, and even Tranſportation for Life.

As the ſaid Comedians have been bred to the Buſineſs of the Stage, and made it their Way and Means of Living, and as the Stage has been long countenanced and patronized, and Actors met with Encouragement, and acquired by their Buſineſs comfortable Livelihoods, they humbly hope that their engaging themſelves in a Profeſſion encouraged and frequented by the greateſt Perſonages of all Degrees and Profeſſions, will not now be made a Crime by a New Law: And therefore, relying on the Honour and Juſtice of Parliament, they preſume further humbly to hope, That ſuch Amendments will be made to the preſent BILL as will ſecure them from being dealt with as Rogues and Vagabonds, unleſs they ſhall commit ſome Crime to deſerve it.

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